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New Tomato and Plant Introductions 1955



GOLDEN GLOW

A new yellow-leaved tomato. Medium size, dense, bushy plants remain yellow the entire season. The striking yellow color appears like fluorescence in the garden, very eye-catching even at a great distance and makes a most beautiful contrast among other green vegetable plants. Bears small pale-orange colored fruits, very mild in flavor. The yellow leaves are not a fixed characteristic and is more of a mutation having a gene-deficiency. The original plant specimen was found growing in a field in Ontario. A small percentage of plants from our seed will have light green leaves. These can be detected in the seedling stage; when about three or four inches high they may be pulled and discarded from the flats. Being purely an ornamental strain with less than usual vigor, the plants require rich soil of good tilth and occasional watering if a dry season is experienced.

POSTPAID: Packet 50c

Glecklers SEEDMEN

METAMORA, OHIO

GROWERS - BREEDERS - IMPORTERS



**MERLIN W. GLECKLER HAND
POLLINATING TOMATOES**



BREEDING FOR BETTER TOMATOES

Shown at left, the founder and owner of GLECKLERS: SEEDMEN, crossing for improvement in tomato strains. Presently, two desirable strains are in process of development. One is a stem-less, quality canning tomato. All tomato strains in general possess joints just above the calyx.

As ripe fruit are picked, short stems usually stay on and must be forced off with the thumb. Fruit with stems having to pass a federal tomato grader are considered seconds, which receive a greatly reduced price. The above tomato used in the cross, a rarity, hasn't any joint, as noted in the photograph. The fruit when picked comes clean, with no stem. Further improvement in the Peron tomato is also being carried on. To the contrary, one customer having grown this strain recently advised us: "Gentlemen, stop experimenting, you have got it!"

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THIS CATALOG IS A SUPPLEMENT

Of new introductions and brief listing to our 1954 edition which carries greater detail and photographs of the wide selections of tomatoes and other rare plant species. Those who have lost or haven't received our 1954 catalog, called "TOMATO PROGRESS," may receive one upon request.

MINIMUM ORDER 25c

Insures receiving our future mailings of new plant introductions each year.

All tomato seed prices in this catalog are postpaid within the U. S. and possessions. Foreign shipments are only postpaid to the port of embarkation.

TERMS: CASH WITH ORDER. CHECKS BELOW ONE DOLLAR NOT ACCEPTABLE. MONEY ORDERS OK, ANY AMOUNT.

GLECKLERS: Seedmen, give no warranty, express or implied, as to the productiveness of any seeds and plants we sell and will not be in any way responsible for the crop. Our liability in all instances is limited to the purchase price of the seeds and plants.

New Tomatoes

MANALEE (68 Days) — Wilt Resistant

A new tomato variety released by the Gulf Coast Experiment Station of Florida. An early maturing strain especially adapted for fall production in areas of the southern half of Florida. A very productive tomato of deep globular medium size with an attractive smoothness. Medium size indeterminate vines with ample foliage coverage. For many years Grothen's Globe has been the old standby in tomatoes for greenwrap and shipping to northern markets. Manalee was developed as a greater improvement on this old time strain, having resistance to four different fungus diseases and greatly increased productivity. Several days gain in earliness is also an advantage for higher market prices. Tests in Florida the past few years have shown Manalee to be consistently more productive, earlier and better plant health than the common Grothen's Globe strain.

Pkt.: $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

OHIO W-R BROOKSTON — Wilt Resistant

A newly developed tomato from the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, having unusually high fruit quality for canners and home gardeners. Interior color of fruit is a dark red, similar to Rutgers giving an excellent finished product. Maturity a few days earlier. Slightly flattened fruits are large under good growing conditions and set well under hot weather conditions. Total yield exceeds Rutgers and being earlier presents a very important new canning strain. The H. J. Heinz Company has found Ohio W-R Brookston to be equal and better in comparison to their select Rutgers F-2 strain.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

LUTESCENT (70 Days)

A new and very rare tomato of unusual oddity. Plants look normal until fruit begins to set. Mysteriously from there on the lower leaves turn yellow but remain alive and healthy. The calyx, many times of monstrous size, together with the fruit, turns yellow. It appears as though the plant were about to produce yellow tomatoes, but lo and behold on complete ripeness the fruit turns red. The combination of green and yellow leaves presents a beautiful sight as the yellowing proceeds upward from the base, eventually enveloping most of the plant at extreme maturity. Globular medium size fruits of mild flavor. Having no commercial value, this strain is merely ornamental. While the plant itself is of fixed type, yellowing of the leaves and fruit is due to an inherent yellow-recessive characteristic.

Pkt.: (about 300 seeds) 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

NECTARINE (72 Days)

Another rare tomato having a sticky characteristic on both fruit and leaves. Very mild medium size fruit appear as though a clear corn syrup had been poured over them. Interior of fruit is pink upon ripening with somewhat rusty appearing skin. Plant growth quite large, very dense with wide thick leaves. The extreme glossy shine of the fruit would be a most desirable characteristic if incorporated in a quality market variety.

Pkt.: (about 300 seeds) 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

CRAZY TOMATOES

A combined well-balanced mixture of 12 of the rarest and most unusual tomato novelties. This is the first year we have offered a mixed packet of our odd collection of tomatoes, which no doubt in number is the largest and most unusual in the world. All of them are novelties and worthless commercially. A packet of these crazy tomatoes is many times more interesting to grow than gourds. The 12 varieties ordered separately from our listings would cost \$3.50.

Pkt.: 50c.

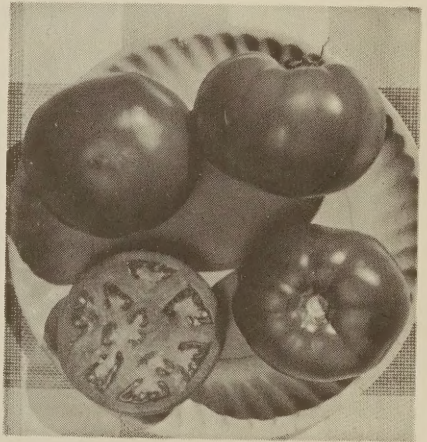
SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE

No other vegetable magazine offers so much information pertaining to vegetable growing, whether you are just a home gardener or commercial grower, than the new **AMERICAN VEGETABLE GROWER** magazine. Very authentic with the largest illustrations in its field. Glecklers: Seedmen, strongly recommend it. Published monthly by the American Fruit Grower Publishing Co., who also publish the oldest fruit growing magazine in the U. S. Fill out the enclosed coupon and send with remittance to **AMERICAN VEGETABLE GROWER** 106 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, Ohio.

Domestic Rates: 1 year \$1.00; 3 years \$2.00. Foreign and Canada: 1 year \$1.50

PERON (68 Days) Sprayless Tomato

A miraculous variety developed by Prof. Abelardo Piovano at the National University of Argentina. Medium size semi-determinate bushy vines are very resistant to fungus diseases common to tomatoes. Foliage is semi-dense. A very heavy yielder of large size, slightly flattened globular fruits of the most extraordinary quality. Interior of fruits very solid and meaty, without any core. Very small and numerous seed cells, form a perfect fruit structure. Ripens to a beautiful deep red color over the entire fruit without green or yellow shoulders. Its tough, velvety-smooth skin is very crack resistant and easily peeled without immersing in hot water, a rarity not found in other varieties. Flavor is mildly acid and of a most delicious taste. Fruits keep exceptionally long after ripening. The Peron tomato is called sprayless because it will produce a normal crop of quality fruit in most areas without any disease control. No other tomato was ever introduced that received so many voluntary complimentary reports and we have them by the hundreds. No other tomato ever introduced has shown such wide adaptability. These reports have come from practically every state, in areas where they were unable to grow any other strains. It performs wonderfully in the tropics where fungus diseases get out of hand. From Alaska we have a report it is wonderful in the greenhouse. Its drought resistance is terrific.



Pkt.: (about 600 seeds) 50c; ¼ oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$6.50; ¼ lb. \$24.50.

QUIT EXPERIMENTING THIS CUSTOMER SAYS

"Due to previous failures to raise top quality tomatoes, I had about given them up. Last spring I decided one more try. I set out 100 Peron tomato plants from your seed. The plants were set in two rows four feet each way. At the time of writing this letter, that patch measures 20 by 220 feet of dense growth. From the time those plants became established even the weeds didn't have a chance. As for fruit itself, GENTLEMEN, YOU CAN QUIT EXPERIMENTING."

Sept. 27, 1954.

Mr. R. W. Stuart
18251 Marggold Ave.,
Bloomington, Calif.

OUR COLLECTION OF TOMATO VARIETIES

Only a brief listing is given this year as we will not put out a completely new catalog until 1956. If greater detail is wanted and you have either lost or never received our main catalog, "TOMATO PROGRESS 1954," on request we will send one.

EARLY RED STRAINS

- GERMAN TOMATO (45 Days):** Extreme dwarf bush, fine for flower pots.
Pkt.: (about 100 seeds) 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$2.50.
- MARMAN (50 Days):** Small vines medium fruit, crack and sunburn proof.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75.
- CUYANO (48 Days):** Improved strain of Marman, smooth fruit, solid.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$6.50.
- WEIBULLS KRONBUSH (50 Days):** Dwarf from Sweden, good size fruits.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.
- CLUSTER-MATO (55 Days):** Good for staking, extremely solid, flavor.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 80c; 1 oz. \$2.75; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.50.
- EARLIANA (58 Days):** Well known early standby.
Pkt.: $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 25c; 1 oz. 80c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.30; 1 lb. \$6.50.
- ALPINE (60 Days):** Quality; cool setter, uniform; semi-determinate.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75.
- POTENTATE (60 Days):** For staking; prolific in cool greenhouse.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.
- MARMANDE (60 Days):** Dwarf, high yielding in warm climates.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.
- PRINCE OF WALES (60 Days):** Cool fruit setter, prolific. fair quality.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.
- EARLY GIANT F-1 HYBRID (61 Days):** Early, size, yield, outstanding university reports. Pkt. (50 seeds) 50c; 2 pkts. 95c; 3 pkts. \$1.35; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$10.00.
- TATURA (62 Days):** Dwarf bush, globe, withstands sandstorms.
Pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.
- MARKET SUPREME (62 Days):** Prolific staker, globe, long keeping.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.
- BREAK O'DAY (62 Days):** Red strain long time early market type.
Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 80c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.30; 1 lb. \$6.50.
- VALIANT (62 Days):** Old time preferred early market type, staker.
Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 80c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.30; 1 lb. \$6.50.
- EARLY SCARLET (62 Days):** Wisconsin developed quality market type.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

MID-SEASON STRAINS

- WISCONSIN 55 (65 Days):** Juice type canner, prolific, important.
Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 75c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.50; 1 lb. \$7.50.
- EARLY GARDEN STATE (65 Days):** Prolific canner from Campbell's.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.10; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.50; 1 lb. \$11.80.
- RED JACKET (65 Days):** Potato leaf, important canner and garden.
Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 75c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.50; 1 lb. \$7.50.
- MARKET FAVORITE (65 Days):** Staker, large fruit, smooth, dense foliage.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.
- PLAMAR (65 Days):** Hot climate producer, vigorous productive.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 35c; 1 oz. 90c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.50.
- SAN MARZANO (65 Days):** Large strain, plum shaped, paste type, prolific.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75.
- RED TOP (65 Days):** Plum shaped, paste type, small bush, fast ripening.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.15; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.25.
- ATHENS (68 Days):** Giant fruit, smooth. medium vine, for garden.
Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$12.50.

THESSALONIKI (68 Days): Very important staker, quality, uniform.

Pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$6.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$24.50.

MANASOTA (68 Days): Early Florida shipper, globe, prolific.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.10; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.25; 1 lb. \$12.50.

LONGRED (68 Days): Important quality greenwrap and canning type.

Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 75c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.50; 1 lb. \$7.50.

QUEEN (68 Days): Excellent globe market type, prolific.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.20; 1 lb. \$14.80.

WESTERN-RED (68 Days): Hot climate fruit setter, resists sunburn.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$5.50.

PUCK (68 Days): Dwarf bush, cool setter, prolific, good size.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

GOLD DUST (68 Days): Staker, globe, crack-free, long keeping.

Pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$6.50.

STENNER'S EXHIBITION (68 Days): Similar to above, more foliage.

Pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

LATE RED STRAINS

KOPIAH (70 Days): Important for market and canning in gulf states.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

HOMESTEAD (70 Days): Unexcelled for greenwrap, solid shipper.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

DURBOT (70 Days): Hot weather type, canner and market.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

SANTA CATALINA (70 Days): Jumbo size red pear tomato, heavy yielder.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

RUTGERS (72 Days): Indiana strain, earlier, more productive.

Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.75; 1 lb. \$5.50.

GARDEN STATE (72 Days): Campbell's quality canner, perfect for market in middle west and central eastern states.

Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 75c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.50; 1 lb. \$7.50.

MANALUCIE (72 Days): Very important for greenwrap; resists disease.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

FORTUNE (72 Days): Important market type through middle eastern states.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.10; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.50; 1 lb. \$12.50.

GROSSE LISSE (72 Days): Highest quality for middle west, globular.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

PONDEROSA (72 Days): Super Argentina strain, large fruited.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 45c; 1 oz. \$1.75; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$6.50.

CALEPLATA (72 Days): Hot weather producer, disease resistant.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

SOUTHLAND (74 Days): Very solid, crack-proof, shipper and market type.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. 90c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.30; 1 lb. \$11.50.

PEARSON (75 Days): Improved, well known quality California strain.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 35c; 1 oz. \$1.25; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.50; 1 lb. \$14.00.

CHESAPEAKE (75 Days): Important market type through middle east states.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$14.50.

LANGADA (80 Days): From Greece, large fruited, heavy vines.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

GREENHOUSE FORCING STRAINS

OHIO W-R 3 (68 Days): Pink, pure selected strain, main type in Ohio.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75; 1 lb. \$44.50.

OHIO GLOBE (75 Days): Old strain A, similar to above but not wilt resistant.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75; 1 lb. \$44.50.

MICHIGAN STATE FORCING (75 Days): Wilt resistant, red, large size.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75; 1 lb. \$44.50.

PINK STRAINS

MISSION DYKE (75 Days): Giant size, smooth, meaty, solid.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$11.75.

VOKAL (65 Days): No acid, for happy stomachs, good flavor.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

GULF STATE MARKET (70 Days): Old standby used in southern states.

Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 80c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.30; 1 lb. \$6.50.

OXHEART (80 Days): Well known giant heart-shaped tomato.

Pkt.: $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20.

YELLOW STRAINS

SUNRAY (70 Days): No acid, very solid flesh, golden orange color.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.20; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$4.40.

GOLDEN SPHERE (72 Days): Deep globe, mild excellent for preserves.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.50.

YELLOW PLUM (72 Days): Bear in clusters, mild, tasty, for salads

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

ORNAMENTALS AND NOVELTIES

ANGORA (70 Days): Beautiful wooley gray leaves, delicious fruit.

Pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$2.50.

GOLDEN GLOW, LUTESCENT, NECTARINE: See fore part of this catalog.

TOMATO ORCHIDS (75 Days): Protruding carpels, stick out blossom end.

Pkt. 25c.

GREEN JELL (68 Days): Small red fruit, seed cells have green jell.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

THICK SEPAL (72 Days): Hairy stems, disease and heat resistant.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

PINK SAN MARZANO (68 Days): Delicate leaves, mild small fruit.

Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. \$1.75.

CHERRY (68 Days): Terrific yielder, small fruit, disease resistant.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75.

EARLY DWARF RED (65 Days): Curled up grey leaves, very odd.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

TATINER (70 Days): Same as above, larger fruit. later.

Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

LYCOPERSICON PIMPINELLIFOLIUM (75 Days): Wild currant type, thousands of fruit in clusters to each plant. Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 60c.

LYCOPERSICON CERASIFORME (75 Days): Terrific vines up to 25 feet, small fruit, oldest wild species in existence. Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 60c.

TINY TIM (45 Days): Small fruited dwarf plant for flower pot culture. Very interesting as a house plant. Pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 45c; 1 oz. \$1.70.

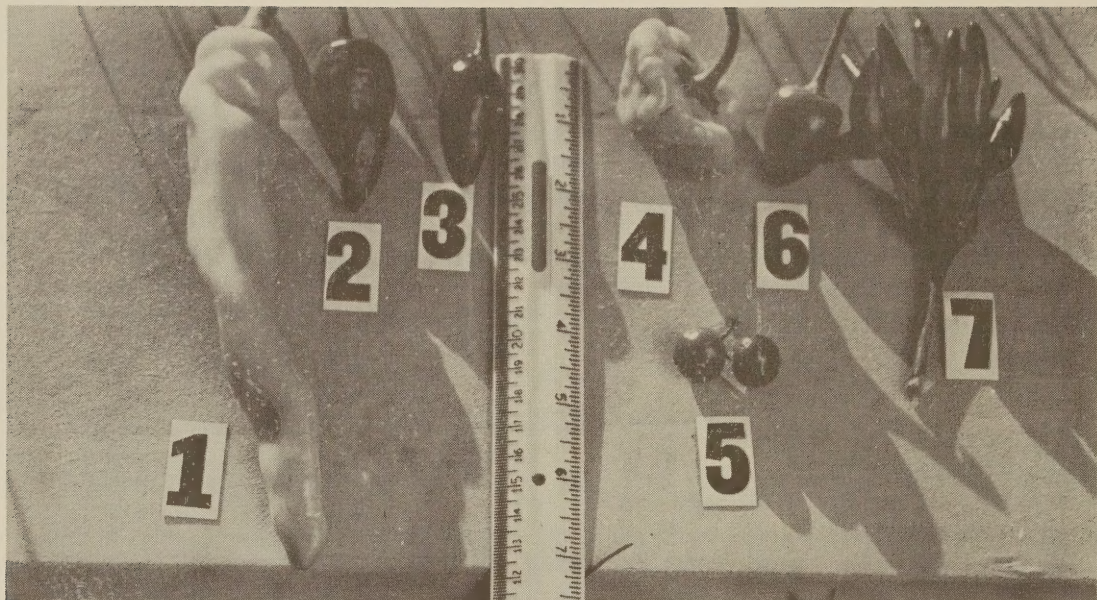
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WHAT PRICE GLORY — WHAT A PRICE FOR TOMATO PLANTS

Peron has made a place for itself in Monmouth county. Last year at a YMCA plant sale, we sold small plants for 25c each, an enormous sum here. At this year's sale, many buyers returned just to get Perons. The Middletown 4-H Club members are planning to exhibit them at the county and state fairs.

June 9, 1954.

Marjorie Wihtol,
Middletown, N. J.



ORNAMENTAL PEPPERS

Equally as interesting in growing and being varied in types and number as tomatoes are peppers or capsicum family. Coded in the above photo as follows: No. 1 Golden Wax; No. 2 Red Hot; No. 3 Purple Leaf; No. 4 Squash; No. 5 Cherry; No. 6 Christmas Tree; No. 7 Black Cuban. **Each Strain: Pkt. 25c.**

GOLDEN WAX, No. 1: Long Hungarian-type, extremely hot, ripens to a waxy golden yellow, never gets red. Medium size plants.

RED HOT, No. 2: True to its name. one of the hottest peppers that exists. Low growing, small flat bush, prolific bearer, ripening most fruits all at once.

PURPLE LEAF, No. 3: Beautiful dark purple leaves, stems and fruit. The fruit turns red on ripening, very hot. Plants grow about 2½ feet high and make very contrasting borders for walks or backgrounds.

SQUASH, No. 4: Compact bushy plants produce squash-shaped yellow fruit. extremely hot. Very odd.

CHERRY, No. 5: Very dwarf bushy plants, excellent for flower pots. Bear profusely cherry-size peppers, which look identical to cherries. Beautiful tinged purple and white fruit turn to white, then red finally.

CHRISTMAS TREE, No. 6: Plants about two feet high bear fruit the shape and size of Christmas tree light bulbs and having many colors of purple, white, yellow and finally red. Very ornamental.

BLACK CUBAN, No. 7: Borne in clusters and protruding upward above the small bushy plants. Fruit at setting is green, turning black and finally red. Stems of red ripe clusters may be cut and dried for a fine bouquet. Very fine for flower pot culture. While this strain seems not to be entirely fixed, with some variation in length and size of pods, one thing is fixed, that is the atomic heat in every pod. In our opinion it's the hottest little thing on earth.

ACONCAGUA (Shown in 1954 catalog): Giant extremely thick fleshy fruit up to 10½ inches long and weighing up to 12 ounces. Very crisp and mild. Seed very limited this year. **Pkt. 50c.**

HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT

We sent a test sample of two pods of our Black Cuban pepper, together with our detailed letter, last season to a lady in Texas, who agreed to test them. Here's her story:

Dear Mr. Gleckler: Your gift of the Black Cuban pepper pods left me with feelings of mixed emotions. While reading your letter I twiddled the peppers in the other hand, with the result that I finally had pepper aplenty on everything I touched. For two days after planting the seed, my kitchen had that south-of-the-border chili odor. I had overlooked a small piece of a pod about one-fourth inch long. Definitely a most pungent pepper and the hottest gift I ever received.

January 27, 1954.

Mrs. F. D. D.
Houston, Texas.

ROSELLE (The Forgotten Plant)

A hibiscus (*hibiscus sabdariffa*) and also a relative to the okra family. So valuable a plant in making sparkling cranberry flavored bright red jelly, beverages, food flavors or pie material, made from either the buds or leaves, yet most home gardeners know nothing about it. Much easier to grow than tomatoes and is started in the same manner. The seed buds are the fruit and, including the entire plant, are a dark red color. Producing the seed buds requires a long season, such as in southern states. They can be grown successfully in northern areas in which the leaves are used, equally as fine as the buds. When set out in the garden a space of four to five feet square must be allowed. The extracted juice of the leaves and buds, which is secured by cooking and straining, is very low in sugar (1%) and high in a pleasant acid (3%) flavor. The generous supply of pectin, acidity and cherry red color give a wonderful jelly product, equal to red currants or cranberries. Recipes are given in Farmer's Bulletin 307, available from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Pkt.: (about 40 seeds) **25c;** $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. **\$1.25.**

STRANGE PLANT SPECIALTIES

Complete detail with photographs is given in our main catalog, "TOMATO PROGRESS 1954."

NARANJILLA: Bushy large-leaved plants bear orange-like fruits and make a very delicious beverage. **Pkt. 50c.**

ACHIOTE: Shrub-like tree produces bright red seeds, used in food coloring and also for lipstick. **Pkt. 50c.**

TABLE COWPEAS: From Israel. Edible long pods 20 inches in length. Large sweet pea blossoms. **Pkt. 25c.**

EDIBLE JUTE: Tall growing spinach; tender, fine for greens in hot climates. **Pkt. 25c;** $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. **50c;** $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. **90c.**

CHILEAN HAND MELON: Size of large apple; delicious, fine for the refrigerator. **Pkt. 50c.**

JUMBO HUSK TOMATO: Two inches and over, enclosed in a husk, fine for pies and preserves. **Pkt. 25c;** $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. **90c.**

YARD LONG BEANS: Pole-type, black-seeded, longest podded strain in existence, tender, stringless. **Pkt. 25c.**

TOMATO TREE: Bear firm plum-shaped delicious fruits on 12-foot trees. Fine grown in a flower pot in the home or greenhouse. Three strains, viable seed—Red, Golden Gem and Yellow. **Each strain: Pkt. (25 seeds) 50c.**

MALABAR SPINACH: Climbing-type from India. Grown side the house produces tender, delicious stems and leaves. **Pkt. 50c.**

SUGAR CORN (95 Days): Multi-eared, up to 8 ears per stalk. Medium size ears, white, very sweet and tasty. **Pkt. 50c; 1/4 lb. 90c.**

ROOIKRANS BUSH BEANS (52 Days): Dark green stringless with 7-inch pods. Perfect quality for freezing. **Pkt.: (2 ozs.) 50c.**

SURINAM CHERRY: Tropical shrub with crimson edible berries and glossy foliage. Attractive plant grown in a flower pot. **Pkt. 25c.**

PIGEON PEAS: Edible nutritious peas are multiple-colored and grown on 10-foot trees. **Pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 90c.**

INCA CORN and ECUADOREAN CLIMBING MUSKMELON: These items presently are not available. Our contact in Ecuador left on a year's world tour of a horticultural nature of exploration. Before leaving he failed to arrange dispatch of our order. Those who have an order waiting from us on the Inca Corn, we suggest they leave their order stand. We are due to get seed as soon as our cooperater arrives home in Ecuador. Many other rare plant species will be made available from his discoveries.

ANCIENT INDIAN POTATO: This item we had planned to introduce this season. However, after having them tested by a prominent potato breeder, advised us their history and legend of being handed down from the Indians was without foundation. A serious virus disease also appeared in the planting. We deemed it not advisable to distribute this item to the public.

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Many thanks for your 1954 catalog. It is not only a very valuable addition to our library, but the most entertainingly written seed catalog I have ever seen.

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